



PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of:

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Art Unit: 3679

Application No.: 10/020,514

Examiner: N. Wilson

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For: BOLT STRUCTURE FOR USE WITH A MAGNESIUM ALLOY MEMBER FOR
TIGHTENING MAGNESIUM ALLOY MEMBERS WITH EACH OTHER OR WITH A
HETEROGENEOUS MATERIAL

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PETITION TO ACCEPT
COLOR PHOTOGRAPHS UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.84(b)(2)**

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the petition to accept color photographs in the above-identified application. On September 30, 2003, the Applicants submitted:

1. Three sets of mounted photographs;
2. A check in the amount of \$130.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h);
3. Black and white photocopy of color drawings, and
4. an Amendment to Specification.

The Applicants received a Decision on the Petition from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated November 14, 2003. The Decision indicated that the Petition to Accept Color Photographs under 37 C.F.R. §1.82(b)(2) was dismissed because the Applicants did not provide an explanation as to why the color photographs are necessary, per 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(a)(2). According to the Decision, the following are required for granting the Petition:

1. The fee set forth in § 1.17(h);
2. Three sets of color photographs;
3. Black and white photocopy that accurately depicts, to the extent possible, the subject matter shown in the color photographs;
4. An amendment to the specification to insert (unless the specification contains or has been previously been amended to contain) the language as the first paragraph of the brief description of the drawings: The patent or application file contains at least one drawing executed in color. Copies of this patent or patent application publication with color drawing(s) will be provide by the Office upon request and payment of the necessary fee.
5. An explanation as to why the color photographs are necessary per 37 CFR § 1.84(a)(2).

Responsive to the Decision, the Applicants hereby submit the following:


1. A copy of the check receipt for fee set forth in §1.17(h), which was submitted on September 30, 2003;
2. Three sets of mounted photographs;
3. A black and white photocopy of the color photographs;
4. The appropriate Amendment to Specification; and
5. The explanation that the color photographs are necessary to show corrosion and/or other features that only clearly appear in color in the original photographs. For example, corrosion causes a change in color of prior art bolts. The disclosure of

corrosion resistance of the bolt structure is a significant feature of the invention. As such, color photographs are the only practical medium by which to disclose the corrosion of the bolt structure and the corrosion resistance of the present invention.

It is respectfully submitted that the requirements of 37 CFR 1.84(b)(2) are hereby satisfied. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that the Petition to Accept Colors Photographs be reconsidered and granted. If any additional information is required, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative.

The Applicants believe that no further fee is due. However, if any further fee is due to grant of this Petition, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing client-matter number 108421-00030.

Respectfully submitted,



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Copy of Decision on Petition to Accept Color Photographs